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Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council

Oct. 23, 2017

Full Board Meeting #9

10 a.m.

Meeting Overview

Main Objectives

- Review and approve meeting minutes
- Staff update on program initiatives, timelines and legislative updates
- Workgroup updates:
 - Review draft of the patient and provider pages of the palliative care website
 - Discuss the upcoming continuing education event
 - Discuss the 2018 legislative report and topics
- Hear from our stakeholders



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**Review and approval of meeting
minutes from July 10**



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Staff Update

Appointment Terms



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<i>Physician Representatives</i>	
James Castillo II, MD, FACP	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
Larry Driver, MD	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019
Robert Fine, MD, FACP, FAAHPM	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
Erin Fleener, MD	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
Craig Hurwitz, MD	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019
Amy Moss, DO, FACOI	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
Roger Mike Ragain, MD	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019
<i>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Representatives</i>	
Mary Beth Kean, DNP	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
Erin Perez, AGNP-MSN	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019
<i>Physician Assistant Representative</i>	
Bruce Christensen, DHSc., PA-C	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019

<i>Nurse Representative</i>	
Lenora Carvajal Sevcik, RN, MSN, DNP	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
<i>Social Worker Representative</i>	
Barbara Jones, PhD, MSW	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019
<i>Pharmacist Representative</i>	
Nat Jones Jr., RPh	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019
<i>Spiritual Care Professional Representative</i>	
Margaret Jones, MA, BCC, ACHPC	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
<i>Advocate for Patients and Families Representatives</i>	
Jennifer Carr Allmon, MA	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
DeilaSheun Botts, RN	2 Years- Dec. 31, 2017
Hattie Henderson, MD, CMD	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019
Cam Scott, MDiv	4 Years- Dec. 31, 2019

Two year appointments expire Dec., 31, 2017
Four year appointments expire Dec. 31, 2019

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Legislative Update

85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session:

- **Senate Bill 1731**
 - Removed Sunset date for the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council, among other changes governing certain state entities
 - The current rule states the Council's date of abolition is Sept. 1, 2019
- **HHSC Rider 144 – Palliative Care Program**
 - Supports operation of the council and other program activities
 - Allocates \$142,183 and \$135,309 for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 (unexpended balances in 2018 carry over to 2019)

85th Texas Legislature, Special Session – The following bill was signed:

- **SB 11**
 - Relating to general procedures and requirements for certain health care facility do-not-resuscitate orders
 - HHSC has rule-making authority for the legislation
 - Effective date: April 1, 2018



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Program Initiatives

Program/Agency Initiatives

1. Continuing education
2. Patient and provider palliative care website
3. Production of a palliative care educational video
4. 2018 legislative report
5. Data collection/analytics
6. HHS Healthcare Quality Plan
7. Other possibilities moving forward
 - a. Grant opportunities
 - b. Advance care planning
 - c. Palliative Care Quality Network



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Program Initiatives

Upcoming Milestones:

- **October:** Launch of provider website page
- **October-November:** Pre-production of palliative care video
- **January – March 2018:** Appointment of members
- **January – December 2018:** Data collection on advance care planning
- **Aug. 1, 2018:** Legislative report approved and routed to legislature (legislative deadline is Oct. 1, 2018)



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Palliative Care Information and Education Website



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- Service Coordination

A life-changing or serious illness can alter your quality of life. When you have a serious illness, the support of your medical team, family and friends makes a difference. This is where palliative care comes into play.

You may think palliative care is only for people with a terminal illness – but that's not entirely true. **Any person diagnosed with a chronic, serious illness can benefit from palliative care to improve their quality of life.** Supportive palliative care starts from day 1.

The focal point of palliative care is to provide better holistic symptoms management, pain, stress and symptom management for as long as your illness lasts, in coordination of ongoing concurrent treatment or if prognosis is 6 months or less, hospice care.

What is Palliative Care?

Palliative care is patient-centered and family-focused. Palliative care is provided by a team of palliative care doctors, nurses, social workers and others who work together with a patient's other doctors to provide an extra layer of support. (Center to Advance Palliative Care®.)

Palliative care is more than simply managing your medical needs – it is a way to live life. It's providing compassion and quality care to you and your family members.



To visit the website go to: <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/palliative-care>



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Palliative Care Information and Education Website

Discussion Points:

- Patient and family page:
 - Advance directive language discussion
 - [Senate Bill 11](#)
- Provider page:
 - Review feedback
 - After approval, site will go live



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Continuing Education

Continuing Education Event:

- Upcoming event today at 1:30 p.m. with presentations by Dr. James Castillo and Dr. Robert Fine
- Achieved goals:
 - Credit for multiple disciplines
 - Include at least one ethics credit
 - Live event available in person and through webinar
- Discussion on next steps and goals for continuing education



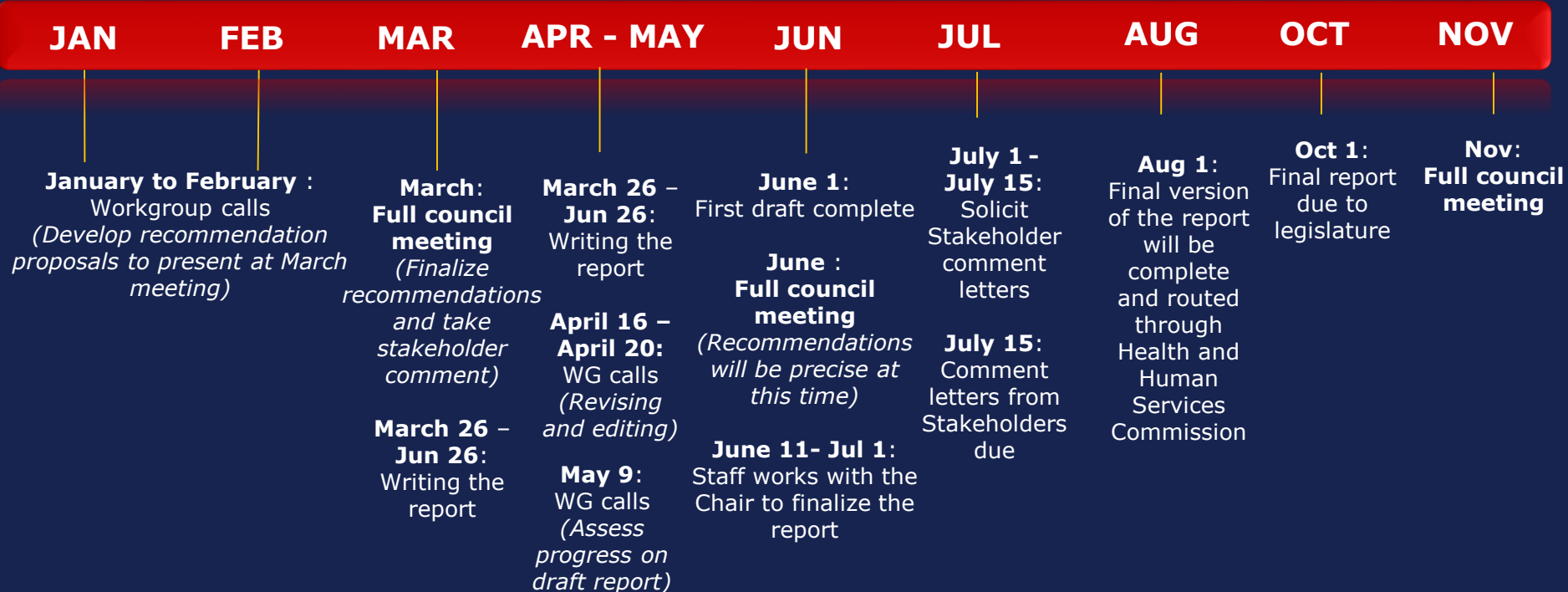
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PCIAC Legislative Report



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2018 Legislative Report Timeline (Proposed)



*The above dates are tentative.

Legislative Planning and Progress Reporting

Major components for the 2018 report to the legislature:

1. Update data/analytics from the 2016 report
 - Hospitals with palliative care programs
 - Workforce with specialized credentials (physicians, advance practice registered nurses, certified hospice medical directors, and fellows)
2. Report additional data on availability and quality for both supportive palliative care and hospice services
 - Joint Commission certification for hospitals and Joint Commission or Community Health Accreditation Partner certifications for hospice
 - Expanded workforce data
 - Claims based utilization and quality indicators



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Legislative Planning and Progress Reporting

Major components for the 2018 report to the legislature, cont.:

3. Update, affirm, and report progress on current legislative planning recommendations to help Texas improve our National Palliative Care Registry grade
4. Issue new recommendations to improve access to high quality palliative care services
 - Communication/conversations
 - Education pipeline/workforce
 - Legislative response to meet new American Cancer Society guidelines
 - Education and awareness on SB 11 changes for do-not-resuscitate orders
 - Linking payment to quality for palliative services
 - Increasing access to supportive palliative care in non-hospital settings such as nursing homes



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Staff Action Items



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Public Comment

Onsite participants, please come to the podium and provide your name and organization for the record.

Comments may be submitted in writing to staff for inclusion in the meeting record.

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Meeting Adjourned



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Thank you

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